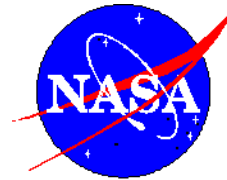


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Notice to Mariners: Target Missiles Being Launched March 23

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility will support the U.S. Navy in the firing of target missiles from Wallops Island over the Atlantic Ocean 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 23. Surveillance of the area will begin at 7 a.m. The backup day for the mission is March 24. The area in the Atlantic Ocean that poses a danger to mariners during the project is posted on the Boaters Launch Information page under the Wallops web site at www.wff.nasa.gov. Boaters are asked to remain clear of this area during operations.

Wallops will fly an orange aerostat (blimp) at 400 feet altitude over Wallops Island beginning at 30 minutes before the firings. The blimp will be lowered when the mission is completed and the danger to mariners no longer exists. In addition, boaters may tune to Marine Channel 12 to monitor the operations.

Completion of the mission will be noted on the Wallops launch status line at 757-824-2050.

Thank you for your assistance and support.

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